



Veterans Action Committee Meeting
February 19, 2016, 3:00 PM, Sunset
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Attendees: David Bartlemay, Barb Conner, Jeff Pardy, Stephen Schultz, David Thaemert, Carl Thomas

Absent: Yuko Johnson, Joseph Maurer, Grace Rusth, Nellie Stewart, Tyler Pinson

Guests: Erika Veth and Michelle Martin from Online Learning

- I. Online Learning: Colorado University has a model for Credit for Prior Experience. There is confusion and misinterpretation of Credit for Prior Experience versus Credit for Prior Learning. Sometimes there are 90 credits, but 25% from one or the other pot. This is about half of what we should be doing. Online Learning is working with Program Directors on this.
- II. Ways to Support Vets: Spouses, dependents, how to connect with them? David Bartlemay suggested through tutoring, however it would be too large a group for the size of the Tutoring Center. Set up a Skype Station for David and others to meet with them. Klamath Falls has circulating counselors that could group skype and talk about transitioning to Oregon Tech. This would free up space and be made available for evenings. Erika Veth said Online Learning uses the tool Zoom, much like Skype. It has an easy connection, Oregon Tech has already purchased the licenses, no cost to set up. Klamath Falls and Wilsonville will look to provide a space for this interaction.
- III. Challenges with Online Vets: Don't know which online students to do a mass outreach with student support staff. Will talk with Registrar, Wendy Ivie about a list.
- IV. VAC Goals Update: Talked to new building 5 year campus Facilities Master Plan. Not able to do because of tunnels. Section with sculpture area know down easier and cheaper on flat verse against hill. The 10K square foot bulding to serve vets and match student services and registrar's to combine one stop shop. Sara Reuter, Grants Writer, will come to the next VAC meeting with ideas. David Thaemert knows about architecture and after talking with Tyler Pinson about his plan has the vision of a Student Services Building and possibly an option with the Center for Excellence and Technology. Or maybe adjacent to Boivin and Semon Hall for future buildings.
- V. SVP Events: Friggin Laser Tag on March 5 and 6 in the College Union. Golf Tournament on May 9.
- VI. Barb Conner has been named the new SVP Advisor. Congratulations Barb and SVP!

Written by: Nellie Stewart

Next Meeting: Friday, April 1, 3:00-4:00 pm, Sunset